



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Bonner County

Legislative District(s) #1

Function or Conservation District Mission

- To take available technical, financial and educational resources whatever their source and focus and coordinate them to meet the needs of the landuser.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Applied wildlife habitat management practices on 1410 acres
- Provided general technical assistance to 61 landowners in cooperation with NRCS, SCC, & IASCD
- Assisted 18 landowners on NRCS EQIP projects, 2 WRP projects
- Applied grazing land management practices to 1303 acres
- Finalized Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore TMDL Agricultural Implementation Plan
- Helped secure \$62,066 in grant funds for Pend Oreille Lake*A*Syst through cooperation with Tri-State, DEQ, SCC, IASCD, NRCS, ISDA, & the City of Sandpoint. Goal: Education of Nearshore landowners to maintain water quality.



900 ft. of stream bank stabilized,
100% willow survival

Conservation District Priority # 1 – District Operations/Information & Education

- Helped update Idaho State Forestry Contest Manual, post on websites and mail to coaches
- Administer grants: 1) US Fish & Wildlife, Gov's Office on Species Preservation & Avista to improve fish habitat & reduce sediment loads on Hellroaring Creek, 2) US Fish & Wildlife, Granite Creek to improve fish habitat, 3) Tri-State Water Quality Council/EPA grant for bank stabilization on Pack River, 4) 319 Grant on Pack River Road for sediment, 4) Avista grant to fund pack River Watershed Council, 5) WQPA on Lower West Branch of Priest River, 6) Lake*A*Syst Program with DEQ Drinking Water Protection, SCC, IASCD, & NRCS, and 7) WCRP for Waterlife Discovery Center
- Met with Local Work Group
- Published 4 Forestry Contest newsletters reaching 272 adults and around 300 students
- Met with County Commissioners, mailed minutes and agenda monthly

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality

- Coordinate Pack River Watershed Council: 4 meetings, 4 newsletters of 212 each, water quality monitoring
- DC, Board Chair, & Water Quality Resource Conservationist attended both Tri-State's meetings
- 2 WHIP contracts, along with construction work on two existing WRP plans
- Installed 4196 feet of fence and planned 10 acres on Continuous CRP
- Planned stream revetment project for Pack River – EPA grant
- Support Cocolalla Lake Association: Presented Lake*A*Syst program at meeting; Reviewed letter of support for grant; Conducted SVAP of reach of Cocolalla Creek
- Began preparations for WQPA on Lower West Branch of Priest River, conducted SVAP
- TMDL Plans: Draft of LWB in progress, Nearshore completed, Pack River Management Plan in progress

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Timber & Woodland

- 10 EQIP operations for forestry practices
- Promote genetically improved stock - Tree seedling sale = 22,740
- Helped teach Forestry Short Course
- IDL Forest Legacy Program – promote and provide info through newsletter
- DC and DA attend monthly meetings of Chamber Ag/Forestry Committee

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Adult: Quarterly Newsletter (420), Weed Education Day (100), Conservation Easement Workshop (30), Legislative Display, Fair Booth on Grasses, Adult Natural Resource Contest at Fair, Monthly Chamber Ag/Forestry meetings
- Youth: Forestry Contest (300), Pend Oreille Water Festival (400 5th graders), Student Natural Resource Contest at Fair, Tree ID to 6th Grade Classroom
- Website through RC&D for Division I, input from 4 counties: www.icehouse.net/ksswcd
- Article on Waterlife Discovery Center in ID SCC Conservation Connection

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Co-sponsored Chamber of Commerce Farm Tour; Assisted Ag/Forestry Committee with Winter Carnival; Helped Ag/Forestry Committee develop “Code of the West” booklet with information for new rural landowners
- Conducted Sarah Bigger, UI/NRCS, on tour of Bonner County for Farm Bill Success Stories
- Participated in 2 WAG’s, Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore Implementation Plan and Clark Fork TMDL
- 3 CSP meetings facilitated for Kootenai-Moyie Watershed
- Collaborated with other Division I offices to help on projects
- Scoping Meeting for Public Forum on Sustainability for Water Quality Seminar
- Coordinated with F&G on educational handouts; helped develop 3 educational brochures with Tri-State
- Coordinated Inland Empire Soil & Water Conservation Society meeting held in Sandpoint
- Conducted 10 Cultural Resource Site Surveys or Evaluations with other agencies

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho’s renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Bonner County	District Operations	\$ 9,000
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 16,768
USDA Farm Program (Expended \$100,000)	Conservation	\$241,000
WQPA (funds received)	Water Quality	\$ 25,000
Lake*A*Syst (funds received)	Water Quality	\$ 62,066
WCRP (funds expended)	Fish & Wildlife	\$ 2,750
TOTAL:		\$356,584

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices



Students at Idaho State Forestry Contest judge soils at left, while picture at right shows log drop structure completed at Bismark Meadows.

